

JACKSON PUTS PROBE IN ICE TRUST UNDER ORDER OF GOV. HUGHES

The Attorney-General Begins the Arrangement of His Case Against Combine for Presentation to the Grand Jury at Once.

Attorney-General Jackson to-day began the arrangement of his case against the American Ice Company, commonly called the Ice Trust, for presentation to the Grand Jury of New York County, under the instructions issued yesterday by Gov. Hughes. Mr. Jackson is confident that he can secure indictments on the very evidence which District-Attorney Jerome refused to present to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Jackson is after the Ice Trust for violations of the Penal Code as well as the Anti-Trust laws. He proposes to let daylight into both the operating and securities departments of the combine, and locate the real beneficiaries of all loans made directly by the combine and all loans made by banks in which the combine keeps its balances.

The American Ice Company under the management of Wesley M. Oler, its present president, had long been looked upon as a vast pocket asset of Charles W. Morse. Its stockholders have never been informed on detailed disbursements and they hold a strong suspicion that in the early days of Morse's control dividends that were not earned were paid to bait other investors.

Violates Penal Code. Such a proceeding is a violation of the Penal Code, and Attorney-General Jackson expects to present the proof of irregular stock manipulation in ice to the Grand Jury now that Gov. Hughes has set Mr. Jerome aside.

In reply to yesterday's exclusive publication in The Evening World of correspondence from Oler to Morse, in which the former placed his total indebtedness to Morse banks at \$234,488, Mr. Oler says that he is now an enemy of the "Man from Maine." Oler admits writing the letters and the correctness of the loans, some of which he says have since been paid.

That the Ice Trust is a fertile field for investigation may be judged from the following clause which appears in a minority stockholder's report to the interests controlling the company:

"It has been stated by other ice people that the company is doing an illegal business in that it maintains an apparent competition which is not real and in other ways. We can see no reason why any underground methods should be adopted. The business of the company is entitled to a fair return, and no one will object to it, and no underground business methods of any kind should be tolerated."

Mr. Jackson will investigate the entire relationship between Oler and Morse, particularly in 1905, when they were understood to be partners. He will also ascertain if possible—comparing 1905 with 1907—why, although more gross earnings, were received in 1907 than in 1905 at an average price of 5 cents per ton more for ice, the net earnings for 1907 are about \$300,000 less than the net earnings for 1905.

In 1907 the Ice Trust reached its high water mark and paid a 9 per cent. dividend on its preferred stock. This dividend came out of the surplus accumulated in former years. In 1907 the company's receipts were \$7,941,725, but according to President Oler's report, 40 1/2 per cent. was put out in operating expenses, and 34 1/2 per cent. expended in merchandise, and \$487,679 paid in maintaining and improving the properties, leaving a net gain of 2 1/2 per cent., or \$183,952.

Further criticism of the old management by the minority stockholders was: "Comparison between this and last year's statement seems to indicate an increase in bills payable of \$445,000 during the year above the amount issued to raise the dividend of \$1,350,000."

In view of the probe into the Ice Trust by the Attorney-General the following statement of its condition Oct. 31, 1907, is more than interesting:

ASSETS.		
Good will account, water rights, and patent rights,	\$33,290,095	
General property account,	8,868,034	
Investments, stocks and bonds,	2,751,190	
Cash and notes receivable,	220,451	
Loans,	2,500,000	
Bills payable,	1,705,472	
Less amount held by company,	300,000	
Collateral trust bonds,	2,488,000	1,620,000
Less amount held by company,	518,000	
Real estate mortgages,	1,970,000	
Vouchers payable,	900,000	
Accounts payable,	74,415	
Total,	\$46,591,499	
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock, preferred and common,	\$14,920,000	
Surplus account,	\$2,751,190	
Less dividend paid,	1,430,234	
Profit and loss account (gain),	131,232	
Total,	\$16,372,188	
Controlled by Millionaires.		

The present control of the Ice Trust is vested in a group of millionaires—men who were duped by Morse to buy the stock when it was quoted at 67 1/2 and higher. These men, who include John W. Gates, Charles M. Schwab, Isaac Guckenheim, John P. Carroll and others, will all come within the scope of Mr. Jackson's probe. The Trust stock was quoted to-day at 14 1/2.

Move Against Jerome. The action of Gov. Hughes in ordering Attorney-General Jackson to place before the Grand Jury the case against the American Ice Company and probe into it "in the place and stead of the

commit an act injurious to trade and commerce." Jerome declined to take up the matter on his favorite ground, that "no criminal intent was shown."

JACKSON WINS A POINT AGAINST THE ICE TRUST.

Following the action of Gov. Hughes in ordering Attorney-General Jackson to prosecute the Ice Trust, Justice Leventritt in the Supreme Court to-day handed down a decision against the combine and distinctly favorable to the contentions of Attorney-General Jackson.

He grants the motion of the Attorney-General, argued last week, for the discontinuance of the original action brought by former Attorney-General Mayer against the Ice Trust.

Julien T. Davies, attorney for the American Ice Company, during the argument said that it was the intention of the Attorney-General in asking for a discontinuance of the suit to seek a change of venue and also get a jury trial of the cause, which would have been impossible in this county.

In his decision Justice Leventritt says: "No injustice will be done to the defendant by permitting discontinuance of this action. The hardship which the defendant conceives will be worked is fanciful rather than real. The avowed purpose of the Attorney-General does not affect the application. As a general rule a party has a right to discontinue an action or proceedings upon such terms as to the Court may seem just when such discontinuance does not injure or impair the rights of the opposing party. No substantial right will be violated by granting this application and the defendant will not be injured thereby in any way."

"The One Girl," the song hit of "The Top of the World" musical comedy, now playing at the Broadway Casino, will be given in the Magazine Section of next Sunday's World. Edition limited. Order from newsdealer to-day.

POLICE SAY THEY ARE A PICKPOCKET TEAM.

A queer team of pickpockets was lined up before the Central Office men at Headquarters to-day. It comprised George York, thirty-one years old, tall, muscular and aggressive, and Samuel Kramer, seventeen years old, who is slim and a little over three feet high.

They were arrested on a crowded street car by Detectives Finn and Kelly, who said that while Kramer said about among standing passengers feeling in their pockets, York hovered near ready to protect his escape and obstruct pursuit should he be discovered. York's picture is in the Rogues' Gallery in the pickpocket section.

Inspector McCafferty says that York runs a school for girl pickpockets, instructing them in their work, disposing of their loot and paying them a regular weekly salary. He is going to send to Brooklyn for a young girl arrested there the other day, who was being trained to steal by a man who paid her a salary every Saturday.

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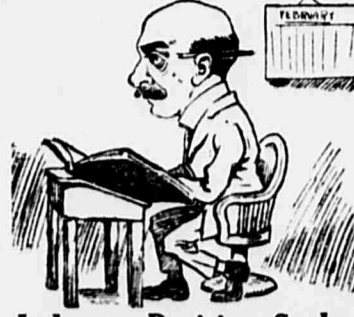
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